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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM :
Director of CommunicationsSUBJECT : Executive Secure Radio Network - NSA Issue ☐ 25X

1. This memorandum is to give you additional background information on the subject issue. ☐ 25X

2. The NSA COMSEC organization has been uneasy with our use of the SV-8 secure voice system for senior executive communications. The uneasiness is based on its position that the SV-8 was developed for Agency covert operations and does not provide all of the protection normally found in cryptologic systems used for high level government communications. We have been advised that Admiral Inman is now being asked to address this issue with the DCI in the near future. NSA is expected to offer a replacement system for our use. ☐ 25X

3. The Executive Radio Network was installed to provide a means for secure communications among the Operations Center and senior Agency officials during crises. The SV-8 was selected only after a determination that NSA produced systems meeting this requirement did not exist. ☐ 25X

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